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STUDENT SENATE

GALTAN gains recognition

120 attend meeting to voice concern, favor for gay support group

By STEVEN WOOLFOLK
Associate Editor

In a unanimous decision, Student Senate voted Tuesday, April 27, to approve Gays and Lesbians Together at Northwest as a Senate-recognized organization.

Both sides of the issue were represented as over 120 students, faculty and members of the community were present for the meeting and a discussion lasting over 30 minutes.

Following discussion by members of GALTAN and supporters and oppo-

nents of the group, Senate Vice President Byron Willis moved from committee to accept GALTAN as a recognized organization.

"First of all I have heard it mentioned that we may be giving this group special treatment or something of that type," Willis said. "Part of being a recognized organization, if you want to bring funding into it, is being able to come in and ask for funding. We make those decisions every week, and I don't see why just because this is a certain kind of group that should even be coming into play."

Senate Treasurer Wyatt Brummer said every person is essentially the same and sexual preference should not play a role in deciding whether or not

to accept an organization which meets all the requirements.

"I would like to make the point that everyone in this room puts their pants on in the same way every morning," Brummer said. "... We all drive down the same road to campus every day, and we all go to school here every day, and this group has been here every day; it's just that we're not smart enough to let them be an organization and respect their rights as students."

However, it was not the qualifications of GALTAN that concerned many of those in attendance but rather their goals and lifestyles.

Many of those in attendance, were concerned with what the decision might bring to Northwest in the future.

Shanygne Mortimore said a decision to open the door to GALTAN may just be the beginning.

"If we open the door to them it just could lead to so many other things," Mortimore said. "I have nothing against homosexuals; I love them as people, but I am totally against their lifestyle. It just opens the door to so much immorality."

Morality was not an issue or a concern in the eyes of others in attendance.

"If this is strictly a moral thing, then it is immoral to break the law; therefore, fraternities should be shut down," John Hopper, Jr. said.

Danny Eness, senior, said if students are concerned for those involved with GALTAN, they should go to a

meeting and make an attempt to understand.

"Draw on Christ's love to talk with these people," he said. "Jesus would be talking to these people; he wouldn't be saying, 'Shut down their organization.' He would not be saying, 'We beat it through law. We beat it through government.' He said, 'Respect the government; respect the law. The law says what it says.' If anyone has a problem with it, go talk to them."

In other business, Senate President Jeni Schug announced the resignation of Roy Leeper as an adviser of Student Senate.

Schug thanked Leeper for his service to Senate and read his letter of resignation to those in attendance.



A GALTAN member reads from a letter sent by Concerned Students Against Homosexuality at Senate's meeting on Tuesday, April 27.

SUMMER CONFERENCE

University to co-host symposium

Total Quality Management topic of discussion; event serves as link for education, industry

By SCOTT PUMMELL
Missourian Staff

In July, Northwest will be hosting the Fourth Annual Continuous Quality Symposium in Kansas City in an effort to align education with government, business and industry practices in regard to total quality practices.

"This is a symposium which was first developed by people from the Department of Defense and the aerospace industry," University President Dean Hubbard said.

The symposium was created to correlate efforts and research between the parties involved, while at the same time establishing a solid dialogue on the subject, according to Patt VanDyke, director of the Talent Development Center.

VanDyke said the academic hosts for the event are Northwest, the Quality Productivity Institute at Northwest and the design/engineering center at the University of Missouri-Rolla.

"It is a great honor to be asked to host the symposium," Hubbard said. "Any institution would be honored to do it."

According to Hubbard, Northwest was asked by the organizers of the symposium to host it annually, but has declined.

"It would be too much trouble to do yearly," Hubbard said. "Besides, it's better to move it around. It adds to the opportunity for more insight."

The symposium is the major meeting of the year on the issue of quality in all aspects of an organization, according to Hubbard.

"Once people start thinking about what produces quality it has a great impact," Hubbard said. "This thought process has had an enormous impact on the quality and success of businesses in our nation. We want this to continue."

The sponsors of the symposium donated at least \$15,000 each, according to VanDyke. The sponsors include Boatman's Bank, Nissan, Motorola, ServiceMaster, J.E. Dunn Construction Co. and Toshiba.

According to Hubbard, there will be a large number of people attending the meeting, including representatives from several foreign nations.

"There will be a limited number of people allowed to attend, because the hotels can only accommodate so many people," Hubbard said. "There will probably be between 800 and 1,000 people there."

The Quality Academy portion of the symposium will be held at the Ritz-Carlton, a former winner of the National Quality Award for service, according to VanDyke.

"There is a lot we can learn from a service organization like the Ritz," VanDyke said. "For instance, we can look at the basic practices that they use, how they hire personnel and training procedure and apply what we see to the residence halls on campus."

The topics will range from implementation of the total quality process in organizations to continuing the improvement process once it has been implemented. Several experts will speak at the symposium, including government officials, businessmen and writers, according to Hubbard.

Speakers include Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown; Curt Reiman, director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology; Lee Iacocca; Robert Galvin from Motorola; Bill Pollard from ServiceMaster; and Yoshio Kondo, president of the Japan Society for Quality Control.

Editor's note: Names have been changed upon the sources' requests

By KATHY HIGDON
Missourian Staff
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After a historical 300,000 supporters of homosexual rights marched on Washington, D.C., last weekend, Gays and Lesbians Together at Northwest took their first step in reducing the prejudice that plagues homosexuals on this campus. Just two days after the march, GALTAN became an official organization with the Student Senate stamp of recognition Tuesday, April 27.

Four members of GALTAN, which welcomes heterosexual members as well, traveled to the nation's capital to participate in the demonstrations. One of the members said his "busy week" was definitely worthwhile.

"It was probably the most important and most emotional experience I have ever had in my life," Matt said.

According to one estimate, approximately 1,000 Kansas City residents participated in the march.

Organized, according to state representation, the members of GALTAN marched with other Missourians, but there was a section of the march specifically for college students.

Along the streets, there was some visible opposition. However, according to Matt, he only saw one group of protesters holding signs and

Invisible minority seeks freedom from campus prejudice

yelling at participants of the march.

The Rev. Fred Phelps, a disbarred attorney and Baptist minister from Topeka, Kan., led the most visible protest. His group of 13 yelled at the rights activists and displayed signs, one reading, "Sodomy Is No Civil Right."

The minimal protests did not diminish the march's impact, however, as Matt recalled a touching scene from the D.C. streets.

"I saw a woman and a little kid standing together along the street," he said. "The little kid was about 11, and he was holding a sign that said, 'I love my lesbian mother.' It was beautiful."

Since GALTAN has been recognized as an organization on campus, members said they want to accomplish specific goals as an organization.

Educating the students and faculty about homosexual rights and issues is one of their main goals, according to members. With both heterosexual and homosexual members, Matt said educating the campus will be easier.

"It's a good idea to have straight people," Matt said. "It shows others that there are people on campus that are open-minded enough to accept gays. Heterosexuals who attend are learning a lot and can understand gay issues."

Sam, a heterosexual member of GALTAN, has benefited from meeting with homosexuals.

"This has helped me become more comfortable with homosexuals," Sam said. "In just one meeting,

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'I can name three past fraternity presidents on this campus who have been gay.'

GAY RIGHTS



MUSIC GROUP

Celebration to perform annual spring concert

Singing company plans for seasonal production following national tour

By KATHY HIGDON
Missourian Staff

Following a national tour which took them all over the United States, Celebration will be returning to Northwest for the year's final performance.

Celebration's annual spring show will take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center and many other ensembles will be present, in addition to Celebration, to perform. Auditions took place Monday, April 26, and out of 30 auditions for soloist parts, only senior Mark Petit was chosen.

There will be two duets, one featuring sophomores Chris Droege and Corey Monarrez and the other featuring junior Denise Turner and Droege. There was some controversy over having only one soloist chosen for the entire show. Senior Darrin Parker said even some judges were upset with the outcome.

"The solo that made it was very well-deserved, but I also think other soloists were deserving as well," Parker said. "Some judges thought that other acts should have made it, too."

TICKETS

Tickets to Northwest Celebration's spring show are free and are available from members.

The decisions were made by judges who tallied numbers based on performances, and Richard Weymuth, associate professor of music, totaled the numbers and decided the top nine acts.

In addition to the soloist and the two duets, six ensembles were also chosen. The ensembles performing this year will be Java Jive, the Chordbusters, In the Still of the Night, My Old Man, Heavenly Bodies and Happy Together. Junior Kip Mathews is a member of Java Jive and My Old Man. He is taking part for the first time.

"I'm pretty excited," Mathews said. "Last year I wasn't in an ensemble, and I wasn't involved in the spring show ... My Old Man is a barbershop group. We listened to the group and liked the sound and learned the music."

Parker, who has been a member for three years, is in four ensembles.

"It's an excellent opportunity to grow in the area of performance," Parker said. "I think there were other soloists, duets, and ensembles that ranked above my ensembles."

EAT DUST



Phi Mu Jennifer Jones pulls ahead of Delta Zeta Heather Voss in the circle in front of Roberta Hall. The Phi Mu team won in the second heat of the tricycle race. Other events contributed to the entertainment of Greek Week. See related story on page 8.



Committee hears student cases

Results from the Student/Faculty Discipline Committee hearings:

■ A male was found guilty of failing to complete 12 service hours, attend the After Hours program, a second alcohol offense and, as a result, violation of probation. He was sentenced to strict campus conduct probation through May 14, 1994, and a \$50 fine and instructed to complete the 12 service hours and the After Hours program by May 10, 1993.

■ A male was charged with a second alcohol violation. He was found guilty and sentenced to campus conduct probation through Dec. 31, 1993, and instructed to attend the After Hours program by May 10, 1993.

■ A female was charged with a second alcohol offense. She was found guilty and sentenced to campus conduct probation through Dec. 31, 1993.

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■ A male was found guilty of misusing the University computer system. He was sentenced to campus conduct probation through Dec. 31, 1993, restricted computer access and a \$50 fine.

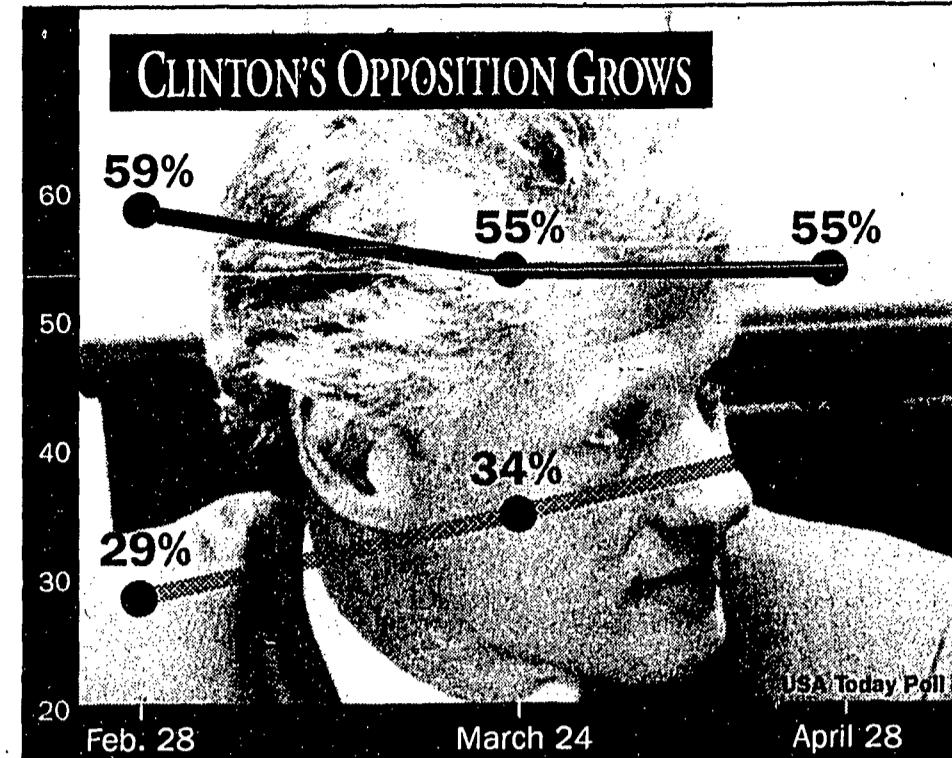
■ A male was found guilty of having an illegal appliance in his room and, as a result, violation of probation. He was found guilty and sentenced to campus conduct probation through Dec. 31, 1993.

■ A male was charged with theft, misuse of University property and, as a result, violation of probation. He was found not guilty.

Clinton's first 100 days

DAY 100

DAY 99



During his first 100 days in office, President Bill Clinton's economic plan has lost support.

■ Those who support his economic plan
■ Those who oppose his economic plan

President views his accomplishments realistically

Administration to propose repayment of college loans through community service

BOSTON (AP) — At times reflective and at times bristling with frustration, President Bill Clinton worried Sunday, April 25, over the defeat of his jobs bill, vowing to "bust a gut" to deliver economic and health reforms as his administration moves beyond the 100-day landmark.

Displaying sensitivity to his accomplishments to date, Clinton told the publishers, "You have to have a realistic feeling of how long it takes to get these things done; that's why you get a four-year term, not a three-month term." He said he regretted the tone of partisanship that ensnarled pieces of his economic program. In a newspaper interview, Clinton said he had gotten off to a rocky start, because he may have spread himself too thin.

"I do think I may have overextended myself, and we've got to focus on big things," he told The Boston Globe in an interview in the Monday, April 26, edition. "I'm used to a legislative environment where, as gover-

nor, I worked up all these initiatives, I put them into the pot, and then we worked them through the legislature."

"It's almost now like we're supposed to do one, maybe two things at a time in Congress," Clinton said. "And I think that I have been pushing too hard trying to get everything done."

Summing up his progress to date, Clinton said, "In the first 96 days of this administration, I think we have begun to fundamentally change the direction taken by the government over the past decade."

He pledged to mark Day 100 — Friday, April 30, on the Clinton calendar — by issuing details for his plan to let students repay college loans through community service.

"Everything I talked about in the campaign is being done," he said.

He renewed his support for Boris Yeltsin's reform movement on the day Yeltsin was up for a public vote of confidence.

Clinton said he had deliberately avoided personal contact with Yeltsin in recent days lest he hurt the Russian leader's prospects in the referendum. But he insisted, "We need to be in this for the long term with him."

Defending his focus on Russia, Clinton

said, "I know the polls show that the American people think the president of the United States should not have spent time or their money on Russia, but I respectfully disagree."

Asked during a question-and-answer session why he was not doing more on Bosnia, Clinton tensed up and retorted, "Suppose you tell me what you think we ought to do and what the end of it will be?"

He said the administration has spent immense amounts of time on the problem and pledged, "We are going to do everything we think we can."

After a rocky week in which Clinton suffered his first major legislative defeat, the president sought to regain momentum by stressing the early successes of his presidency. He pointed to swift congressional passage of his \$500 billion deficit-reduction program, record-low interest rates and initiatives for health-care reform and other domestic policy fronts.

He added, "When people say to me, 'Well, what did you do in your first 100 days,' I say, 'What did the other guys do in their first 100 days?'"

Looking ahead to the far-reaching na-

tional health-care program Clinton has proposed, he said: "What are we going to do about health care? We cannot go on ignoring the fundamental problems."

"We can do better. We must," he said, "We're going to bust gut trying in this administration. We're going to do our best."

Clinton belatedly accepted the publishers' invitation to speak amid speculation he was trying to avoid Washington during Sunday's gay rights march in Washington.

The president reaffirmed his support for gay rights in his speech and in a written statement released at the march that said, "I stand with you in the struggle for equality for all Americans, including gay men and lesbians." Later, Clinton toured an Italian-American neighborhood in Boston's North End, shaking hands with well-wishers and accompanied by Sens. Edward Kennedy and John Kerry, D-Mass., stopping briefly in a pastry shop. The president also met with a group of teen-agers who had had their letters to the president published in a youth newspaper. They presented him with a 6-foot long pencil.

"Don't stop caring; don't stop getting involved," he told them.



Student injured while rappelling

An ambulance was called to Colder Hall Wednesday, April 28, during rappelling class. Students were rappelling off Colder, when one female student's hair became tangled in the equipment.

"She was going down, rappelling the way we usually do, and her hair got caught in the slip link (the metal device the rope goes through)," Capt. Don Lee, who assists the class, said.

The student said she had a sore neck and was taken to the hospital. She stayed overnight for observation.

STATE NEWS

Execution scheduled for prison guard murderer

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — A June 9 execution was scheduled Thursday, April 22, by Gov. Mel Carnahan for Bobby Lewis Shaw. Shaw, who was declared competent, was sentenced to die for the slaying of a prison guard. Carnahan spokesman Chris Sifford, who announced the execution date, said the Shaw case is nonetheless "still under review."

"Gov. Carnahan can still grant clemency," Sifford said.

Sifford said no clemency requests had been received by the governor's office on Friday, April 23. Attorney Sean O'Brien of the Capital Punishment Resources Center said he is working with defense attorney Don Wolff on a request for Carnahan to commute the death sentence of 41-year-old Shaw.

However, Shaw, whose 1980 death sentence makes him Missouri's longest-serving condemned inmate, has exhausted his appeals. Carnahan set the execution date after Associate Circuit Judge Robert Carr of Potosi, Mo., ruled last week Shaw is competent to die by injection.

Shaw is sentenced to die for the 1979 stabbing of a guard at the state prison in Jefferson City, Mo. The guard was killed while Shaw was serving a life sentence for the shooting death of his sister's boyfriend in St. Louis.

Vietnam veteran gets death penalty for murders

LEBANON, Mo. (AP) — A Vietnam veteran was sentenced to death for what he claimed was a combat flashback-induced shooting spree in which three law officers and a sheriff's wife were killed.

James Johnson, 43, was convicted of the 1991 murders in February and was sentenced to death Friday, April 23, by Laclede County Circuit Judge Mary Dickerson. Johnson said he plans to appeal his conviction.

At his trial, Johnson and his attorneys contended the December 1991 rampage in and around the small town of California in central Missouri was the result of a flashback to his four months as an infantryman in South Vietnam in 1970.

Prosecutors said the four ambushes within a five-hour span were prompted by a vendetta against the Moniteau County Sheriff's Department. They said Johnson apparently was upset that Sheriff Kenny Jones was not able to keep Johnson's teen-age stepdaughter's boyfriend away.

NATIONAL NEWS

One of the world's great labor leaders' dies

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Cesar Chavez was remembered Friday, April 23, as a great labor leader who gave a voice to California's farm workers, many of them poor and Hispanic.

"His greatest legacy is that he educated America what was due and long overdue to working people in the fields of America who had been invisible before him," said former San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos.

Chavez, 66, apparently died in his sleep at the home of a union supporter in San Luis, Ariz., police said. Chavez was president of the California-based United Farm Workers Union, which he founded in 1962. He was called "one of the world's great labor leaders" by William Robertson, executive secretary treasurer of the Los Angeles County AFL-CIO.

Administrators call Russian vote 'encouraging'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration said Sunday, April 25, the Russian people's vote of confidence for Boris Yeltsin was "encouraging" but added it was too early to make firm judgments.

President Bill Clinton declined to answer a shouted question on the national election in Russia as he boarded Air Force One to return to Washington after a speech in Boston to newspaper publishers. But press secretary Dee Dee Myers said, "Obviously, the fact that (Yeltsin) appears to be doing very well on the question of his leadership is encouraging."

An exit poll of 5,219 voters nationwide by the Russian Center for Public Opinion and Market Research found that 63.8 percent backed the president and 56 percent supported his market reforms.

Another poll taken projected that Yeltsin would not get the votes needed to force early parliamentary elections.

Myers said Clinton was monitoring the situation but that most of the information he had was from news reports. She said the White House wants to see more concrete information before making a further statement. State Department officials said it may be some time before the results are clear.

Yeltsin needed a majority of the ballots cast to stay in office but a majority of the all the eligible votes to adopt a constitution suited to his political and economic reform programs.

3 bombs leave 1 dead, injure dozens of others

LONDON (AP) — An apparent Irish Republican Army bomb hidden in a dump truck tore through London's financial district Saturday, April 24, killing at least one person and injuring dozens. Hours later, two car bombs exploded in north London.

Police reported no casualties from the later pair, which went off in taxis nearly simultaneously just before midnight. The financial center bomb sent a mushroom cloud over the skyline and injured at least 34 people in a hail of flying glass and debris.

Rescue workers found a man's body in the street and police feared more people were trapped inside bomb-damaged buildings. The area was less crowded than it would have been on a weekday, but several shopping areas are nearby. The blast shattered glass in scores of buildings, and knocked out virtually every window on one side of the 52-story National Westminster tower, central London's tallest structure.

The IRA did not immediately claim responsibility for the attack, but two IRA-coded telephone warnings of a bomb in the area were received by police before the first blast occurred at 10:27 a.m. (5:27 a.m. EDT). No one claimed responsibility for the car bombs.

2 10-year-olds on trial for abduction, homicide

LIVERPOOL, England (AP) — Two 10-year-old boys were ordered Friday, April 23, to stand trial in a higher court for the abduction and murder of a 2-year-old boy, whose kidnapping was recorded by a shopping center video camera.

The boys will be tried by a Crown Court, which hears serious criminal offenses and can hand down life sentences. James Bulger's battered body was found near a railway line in Liverpool two days after his disappearance on Feb. 12. Cameras in a supermarket showed him being led away by two boys while his mother was looking in another direction. Investigators said the boy was apparently killed soon after his disappearance.

South Sefton Magistrate's Court, where the boys appeared Friday and on eight other occasions, is not empowered to hear murder cases. No date was set for the trial. The boys cannot be identified because of their age.

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OUR VIEW

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Practical ideas for new officers

Newly elected officers should now be concerned with the actions next year's Student Senate can take toward enhancing the University.

The officials elected last week presented a platform, which a majority of students (voting students, that is) agreed with.

The votes were cast, and now the officials need to set their sights on the 1993-94 academic year.

The first priority on their platform was defending students' rights.

Although the definition of "students' rights" remains unclear, there are certain rights the students are entitled to as members of the University.

The Student Bill of Rights, as stated in the Student Handbook for the 1992-93 academic year, does not make every right students are entitled to crystal clear, but it does allow for a point of reference. Students have at least a slim idea of what their rights are.

Freedom of expression and the right to participate in the decision-making process within the University are the first and most important specifics addressed within the Student Bill of Rights.

Open communication between individuals and organizations is the only way students will be legitimately heard and therefore play an active role in the making of decisions.

President-elect Trent Skaggs is sincere about his promise in opening the lines of communication between Senate and students.

We believe this should remain one of his main concerns as Student Senate president.

Skaggs also said he wants to see Student Senate represent the off-campus students in a better manner. This is a must for our University. Students must have their rights, not only as citizens but as Northwest students, protected.

Living off campus is a part of the college experience, and even though these students do not eat every meal in the Student Union, they are still students and play a vital role in the academic life of this University.

All Student Senate-recognized organizations are equal. Continuously funding certain organizations is a practice detrimental to the University. Organizations should be granted funds on the basis of merit in the community as well as within the University.

Also, they must look at the essential need of the funding, and where it will go. Groups should not be granted funds merely because of the time they have been here or the number of members.

We would like to see Student Senate be sincere in their pursuit for a better University.

If concentration and dedication is placed on accomplishing the goals stated by the new officials during their campaign, next year could be a good year.

MAY 15, 1993

THIS ISN'T GOODBYE! WE ONLY LIVE A FEW HOURS AWAY... WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER ON WEEKENDS... I'LL CALL YOU, I PROMISE! I LOVE YOU!

I LOVE YOU TOO! SEE YOU SOON!

ONE WEEK LATER...

HEY... ARE YOU DOING ANYTHING LATER?

NOW I AM!

ME? NO, I DON'T HAVE A BOYFRIEND!

SURE, YOU CAN HAVE MY NUMBER!

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MY TURN



Don Carrick
Assistant Editor

Journalists need reminder in difference between public's needs and wants

Mass media industry must stop glorifying frivolous information

"It is not enough to cater to the nation's whims — you must also serve the nation's needs," Newton Minow said in a speech to the National Association of Broadcasters in 1961.

For one moment, I was glad. It looked as if the crisis in Waco, Texas, was coming to a close. The FBI, ATF, and other national, state and local agencies were converging on the Branch Davidian compound, bringing to an end 51 days of weirdness in a state known for odd things and mysterious happenings.

The next moment everything was burning.

As I watched the building quickly engulfed in flames and listened to the calm voices of the reporters bringing me up-to-the-minute information, two thoughts continually went through my mind.

Along with the thought that there were close to a hundred people in the inferno came the realization that I was watching people die in the comfort of my own living room.

Don't people love it though? Don't we just about die for our little fixes of

sex and violence? Isn't it the reason Romans packed the colosseum — to watch gladiators fight to the death and Christians be eaten by lions?

Isn't it the reason behind cock fights, demolition derbies, Playboy, "Night of the Living Dead," Marilyn Monroe, Chippendale dancers, Arnold Schwarzenegger movies, strip bars and, in a stunning combination of beautiful bodies encased in tight outfits and hand-to-hand combat, the highly rated American Gladiators?

By watching these programs, reading these books and idolizing these people we sedate the darker side of the human soul.

In the book "Danse Macabre," Stephen King describes this dark side as a pit of alligators underneath your home and says that believing "all you need is love" is fine "as long as you keep the 'gators fed." My question is, should 'gator food be news?

Is it the job of the evening news, magazines and newspapers to serve up grisly views of death and destruction every day?

In my opinion, no, and unfortu-

nately, too many news services are giving in to public whim for more rating points and higher circulation.

We are running too many pictures, stories and video segments because of what it will gain us, not thinking of the harm it could bring to others. We go for the element of surprise.

News is information, not entertainment, and should be treated that way. As journalists we have a responsibility to give the people not what they want, but what they need.

We are the keepers of a two-way gate; we not only have to watch what will go in, but we must also watch what will come out.

As consumers of the media, we should realize "A Current Affair," "Hard Copy" and The National Enquirer are not places to become informed and hardly even places to be entertained.

Journalists must regain a higher sense of morals as to what they put in the papers and on the air, or soon they will be too concerned with if the public likes them than if the public knows what they should.

"I think he has broken a lot of promises already through taxes. I mean, hell, he's going to increase taxes."

Jenn Crocco, junior

"I think he has done a good job with what he has to work with."

Melissa Simon, senior

It's a creation of the media and no president has ever accomplished anything in the first 100 days. He's trying, and Congress isn't."

Jeff Brown, senior

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to work with."

Heartland experiences rise in hungry families

NEWTOWN, Mo. (AP) — Seven days a week, Al Reger tends to his land, growing the corn and raising the cattle that feed other Americans.

Once a month, though, he stops to seek help — to feed his own family.

The fourth-generation farmer knows that sweat and sacrifice alone won't guarantee his family three meals a day. So he and his wife, Carolyn, devised a swallow-your-pride solution: They help run and rely on a food bank.

"It's a lifesaver for us," said the 42-year-old father of two. "The grocery bills are the highest bills any of us have, except heat in the wintertime. Without this to stretch our food budgets, there would be hunger, true hunger."

Here in the heart of America's heartland, the farm crisis is a memory for some.

But it is still an aching reality for others who are finding it harder to eke out a living, pay the utilities and meet one of life's most basic responsibilities — putting food on the table.

Hunger in the heartland is, by some accounts, a growing problem.

Last fall, Tufts University experts analyzed one report that estimated up to 30 million Americans do not get enough to eat.

It concluded the biggest increase in recent years appeared to be in the Midwest, including rural areas.

"In the breadbasket of America ... growing numbers of people from farms and cities, perhaps for the first time in their lives, are bringing their children into emergency feeding facilities," said Larry Brown, director of Tufts' Center on Hunger, Poverty and Nutrition Policy.

The irony is not lost on Dave Ostendorf of Prairiefire, an Iowa-based rural activist group.

"It's a tragic commentary that many of those who produce the food are themselves not really well-fed," he said, noting that unlike the South, "hunger and poverty in the rural Midwest are out of sight and out of mind."

Not everyone agrees with these dire assessments.

Some experts say the 30 million estimate is far too high. Others say the problem is malnutrition — not hunger — because no one is starving.

Indeed, there are no babies here with bloated bellies, no

skeletal-like adults staggering in the streets as in Third World nations.

"The picture of hunger in the U.S. is more subtle," Brown said. "A child may be five, six pounds underweight. ... Most people would not even notice it. ... From a health perspective, it's a very serious problem."

Some statistics support his claims about food shortages.

The Missouri Rural Crisis Center, which operates 10 food pantries including the one run by Reger, served more than 25,000 people in 1992, almost twice as many as two years earlier.

Food stamp numbers are up, too, in several largely rural Midwestern states. Indiana posted a 59 percent increase in recipients from 1988 to 1992; Missouri, a 44 percent jump in the same period.

Experts attribute the increases to the economic turmoil of the '80s and the aftermath of farm troubles and factory closings in the Midwest.

Some activists also contend these numbers reflect just part of the problem because many individuals and families are intimidated by red tape or too proud to go out in search of help.

"Having a farm, you're supposed to be a rugged individual, a self-starter," Roger Allison, director of the Missouri crisis center, said. "Here you are, coming to us for a handout. There's a whole mental stigma associated with that."

Reger confronts that, especially among farmers using the food pantry that serves about 30 families in this desolate hamlet in north-central Missouri, 20 miles south of the Iowa border.

"They feel it's a failure of themselves to do well," he said. "We try to tell people, 'It's not your fault.' It's bigger than that."

Reger knows from experience. The money he saves from using the food bank helps pay \$240 each month in health insurance premiums, and yet he still needs a second job — he runs an agricultural repair shop in town — to make ends meet.

But having filed for bankruptcy in 1986, Reger said it was not difficult to seek assistance. "The shame factor," he said, "had already worn off for us."

GALTAN educates University

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just like everyone else. The group promotes friendship."

According to members, being Student Senate recognized will allow the organization to grow.

"This will help the group expand," he said. "We need it to educate the school and the community on homosexual issues, so they can see where we are coming from."

According to GALTAN's constitution, along with educating others the group wants to break down the myths about homosexuals in society.

"There are a lot of myths about gay people and having a group where everyone can come together can allow

people to see these myths aren't true," Matt said. "We're just like everybody else."

Jack, another member, is involved on campus and in the Greek system. Jack echoed the societal myths.

"Not all homosexuals have been feminine queens," Jack said. "I can name three past fraternity presidents on this campus who have been gay."

He also added prejudice is prevalent and is one reason why homosexuals consider themselves a political minority.

"When people say 'fag' or 'queer,' it's just a form of prejudice," Jack said. "Gays are the invisible minority."

GALTAN hopes the University administration accepts the group.

"We don't know if we have the support of the administration," Jack said.

With hopes of helping homosexuals who apply to Northwest, GALTAN will be listed in the student handbook next semester as a campus organization.

"When they look in the handbook they see there is a group on campus just for gay people," Matt said.

Carol Holding, one adviser of GALTAN, agreed to get involved with the group after talking with one of its members.

"It's a human rights issue," Holding said. "The message needs to get out and the only way to increase understanding is to have contact."

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3 ensembles offer crowd final shows

By HEIDI SCHLEGELMILCH
Missourian Staff

The end of the academic year has put a song in the heart of many Northwest students, but the saying especially holds true for many of those involved with the music department. The Chordbusters, University Chorale and Symphonic Band have all performed their final concerts.

The Chordbusters took the stage Tuesday, April 27, at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The one-hour concert included six sections of selections: "Small Transitions," "Leaving Home," "Settling Down," "Passages," "Role Reversal" and "One Last Fling."

The group's director, Patricia Schultz, found the selections to be a combination of thought-provoking and fun songs.

"There was a wide variety of selections," she said. "Some moving, thought provoking numbers to make us think about life as well as some light-hearted songs."

The quartet consists of Mark Pettit, baritone; Wade Baker, lead; Chris



JACK VAUGHT/Northwest Missourian

The Chordbusters, under the direction of Patricia Schultz, perform for a large crowd Tuesday, April 27, at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The group consists of Mark Pettit, baritone; Chris DroegeMueller, tenor; Brian Bellof, bass; and Wade Baker, lead.

DroegeMueller, tenor; Brian Bellof, bass.

"These young men have a difficult job," Schultz said. "They have to have a certain ESP quality between them so they can stay in step with each other."

The Chordbusters used props, gestures and their sense of humor to entertain the audience. Their last selection of the evening required the audience to participate by snapping and clapping and ended with a standing ovation.

On Sunday, April 25, the Symphonic Band and the University Chorale performed in Mary Linn.

Chorale is directed by Schultz, associate professor of music.

"I am looking forward to more years to come with University Chorale," Schultz said. "They have been outstanding, and I am very pleased with their abilities."

Chorale's concert also featured "Litaniae de Beata Virginie" by Mozart. Vocal soloists during the four-part chorus of mixed voices included sopranos Cori Monarrez, Mary Garrison and Denise Turner; altos Stephanie Shaffer, Michelle Neuerburg and Brenda Ashley; tenors Chris DroegeMueller and Scott Wiederstein; and bass Brian

Bellof. The piece also featured instrumentalists Melissa Heller and Stacy Tripp, flute; Jason Elam, string bass; and Linda Phillips, piano.

According to Schultz, this is the first year Chorale has performed two concerts in one semester. They have performed at Family Day, a Christmas concert, a winter concert and a spring concert this year.

Following the Chorale performance on Sunday was the Symphonic Band. The Symphonic Band is under the direction of Al Sergel, assistant professor of music. Assisting Sergel was graduate assistant Aaron Drake.

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Senate funding raises questions

Senators use all funds for first time; no money returned to University

By SCOTT PUMMELL
Missourian Staff

As the academic year draws to a close, there is resentment among campus groups because of Student Senate funding policies.

Over the past few months, several student organizations have been angered by the funding policies of Senate. Because of inconsistencies in Senate's policies, some organizations believe they were treated unfairly.

"What it basically comes down to is a judgement by the senators," Senate Treasurer Wyatt Brummer said. "There are some things that are seen as more beneficial to the University than others, and at that point it is the senators' call."

One controversial incident was the granting of funds to Rape Isn't Gonna Happen Tonight. Senate's policy had always been to deny requests from groups with fewer than 10 members. R.I.G.H.T.S. did not have 10 members at the time, but they were still granted funds. The move caused some resentment among groups that had been denied funds.

"R.I.G.H.T.S. did not have 10 members at the time that they requested the money, but in the view of the senators, it was an excellent project," Brummer said. "It was something that we thought needed to be addressed on this campus."

Aside from funding guidelines, many groups were not aware funding might not be available toward the end

of the year. They believe they would have acted differently if they had known.

"I can understand their feelings, because we have never said that it was first come, first serve," Senate President Jeni Schug said. "People don't realize until it's too late. But you have got to understand that it has been a long time since Senate has had a problem with running out of funds."

Other groups have failed to have a representative present at the Senate meetings to answer questions.

"This year, we specifically put on the funding applications that there must be a representative present from the group at the Senate meetings in order to receive funding," Schug said. "But there have still been times when no one shows up."

Most years there is money left over in the special projects budget and the money does not carry over to the next year, according to Brummer.

"It is so positive that we have given all the money available back to the students," Schug said. "It's the first time this has happened in years."

Senate is currently looking into options to improve their allocations policy.

"We have talked about the requirements, and that is a project that I am doing right now," Brummer said. "We are trying to create some guidelines that are more focused."

Senate is also looking into creating a committee to examine funding requests before the requests could be moved to the floor, according to Schug.

"If it was brought to the floor, then everyone would know that it deserved to go that extra step," Schug said.

NEWS

Owens Library to observe regular hours

Students must find alternative facilities for late-night studying

By HAWKEYE WILSON
Missourian Staff

B.D. Owens Library will be observing regular hours during finals week, May 10-15. Last year the library remained open additional hours to assist the students' needs.

Restricting student access to the library during finals week has spawned a spectrum of opinions on the library's decision.

Off-campus resident junior Kim Hill believes the decision was made before consulting the needs of off-campus students.

"I am someone who has a lot of things to do during the day, and the only time I can study is at night," Hill said. "It's our library, and it does make a difference to a lot of people that have to study late."

The library has remained a center identified with late hours, and according to Hill, the decision should be reconsidered.

"I would like to go to the library and know that I don't have to have my time limited," Hill said. "I've studied past 12 many times, especially around finals."

Junior Angie Hopkins, vice president of Academic Affairs in Student Senate, believes differently than Hill. The committee has held Gripe Day, and according to Hopkins, most of

the suggestions say the library is not open to satisfy the on-campus students' needs.

"Most of the complaints we heard about the finals week hours have been from people in the dorms," Hopkins said. "We got a lot of complaints about how the library is not open late enough."

According to Hopkins, studying should not be limited to the library.

"If you want to study, you can study anywhere especially during finals," Hopkins said. "I think it's really quiet in the dorms during quiet hours."

She believes shortening the library hours will enhance students' ability to study and also encourage them to begin earlier.

"I think it would help their finals grades if students realized that they have to start studying earlier instead of waiting until the middle of the night to study," Hopkins said. "I don't think a person who has trouble with finals should blame it on the library."

According to senior Pat Lynch, resident assistant in Franken Hall, the quiet hours are stressed and studying has not been a problem in the past.

"Studying has never been a problem in the halls," Lynch said. "The hours have been enforced to ensure students the best possible environment to study in."

Studying doesn't have to be a tedious project, according to Lynch, if the student uses proper time management.

PRSSA holds conference

Twenty-five years of student public relations will be celebrated Friday, April 30, on campus.

The Northwest chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America will host a mini-conference Friday in the University Club, located on the third floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union.

The conference will begin with a mock press conference briefing at 8:30 a.m. with Bob Henry, public relations officer, and Ken White, instructor of mass communication.

Then at 9 a.m., a mock press conference will be held with public relations students playing the roles of reporters and administrators following the 1979 Administration Building fire.

Dan Wilinsky, public relations department manager for Bernstein-Rein Advertising Inc. of Kansas City, will

be the guest speaker at a luncheon.

After lunch, two sessions will be held featuring public relations professionals.

Irv Jensen, senior vice president of CMF&Z Public Relations in Des Moines, Iowa, will speak at 1:30 p.m. He will discuss his involvement with Arbor Day and the implementation of this national event.

At 2:30 p.m., Elizabeth Richardson, account executive at Leslie & Associates of Omaha, Neb., will discuss different techniques used to get clients. She will also speak on how to keep clients once they have chosen a firm.

Beginning at 3:30 p.m., students and faculty members will have an opportunity to visit with the public relations professionals.

The day will conclude with an awards ceremony at 4 p.m.

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Placement event assists teachers

Education majors given opportunity to establish contact with employers

By HAWKEYE WILSON
Missourian Staff

Optimistic teacher candidates filed into the Conference Center Tuesday, April 27, to discuss future employment opportunities with various school district representatives as a part of Teacher Placement Day.

According to Jeannine Gaa, organizer of the event, the event has spawned many students' careers and provided a professional atmosphere for both the students and the school districts.

"We have had many people hired because of Teacher Placement Day," Gaa said. "A lot of across-the-table interviewing is done, and there is a lot of one-on-one talks."

The teacher placement conference hosted 79 school district representatives including some from Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and even Texas.

Although there were different states to choose from, the majority of the school districts came from Missouri.

The diversity gave students a chance to sample different areas in the country and the opportunity to meet with different administrations.

Many of the school districts have acknowledged Northwest as a leader in education, Kristin Thompson, another organizer of Teacher Placement Day, said.

"We are kind of popular at Northwest because of the lab school," Thompson said. "The school districts feel that our teachers are well prepared."

The University is a member of the Association of School, College and

University Staffing, and teacher candidates around the United States are invited to its seminars, according to Thompson.

"It's not just for Northwest teacher candidates," Thompson said. "Any member of an organization, such as ASCUS, may come to the event."

"We have an open-door policy to any teacher candidate and to any school district that would like for it to be there."

Thomas Trail, superintendent from Hamilton, Mo., said Northwest is exceptional at preparing its education majors for actual classroom situations.

"We're normally looking for someone who is focused on teaching or is looking at a career in education," Trail said. "Northwest students have a good grasp on what the field holds."

Some representatives have graduated from Northwest, including Travis Brown, North Callaway School District representative, and they are eager to offer positions as teachers to Northwest's education candidates.

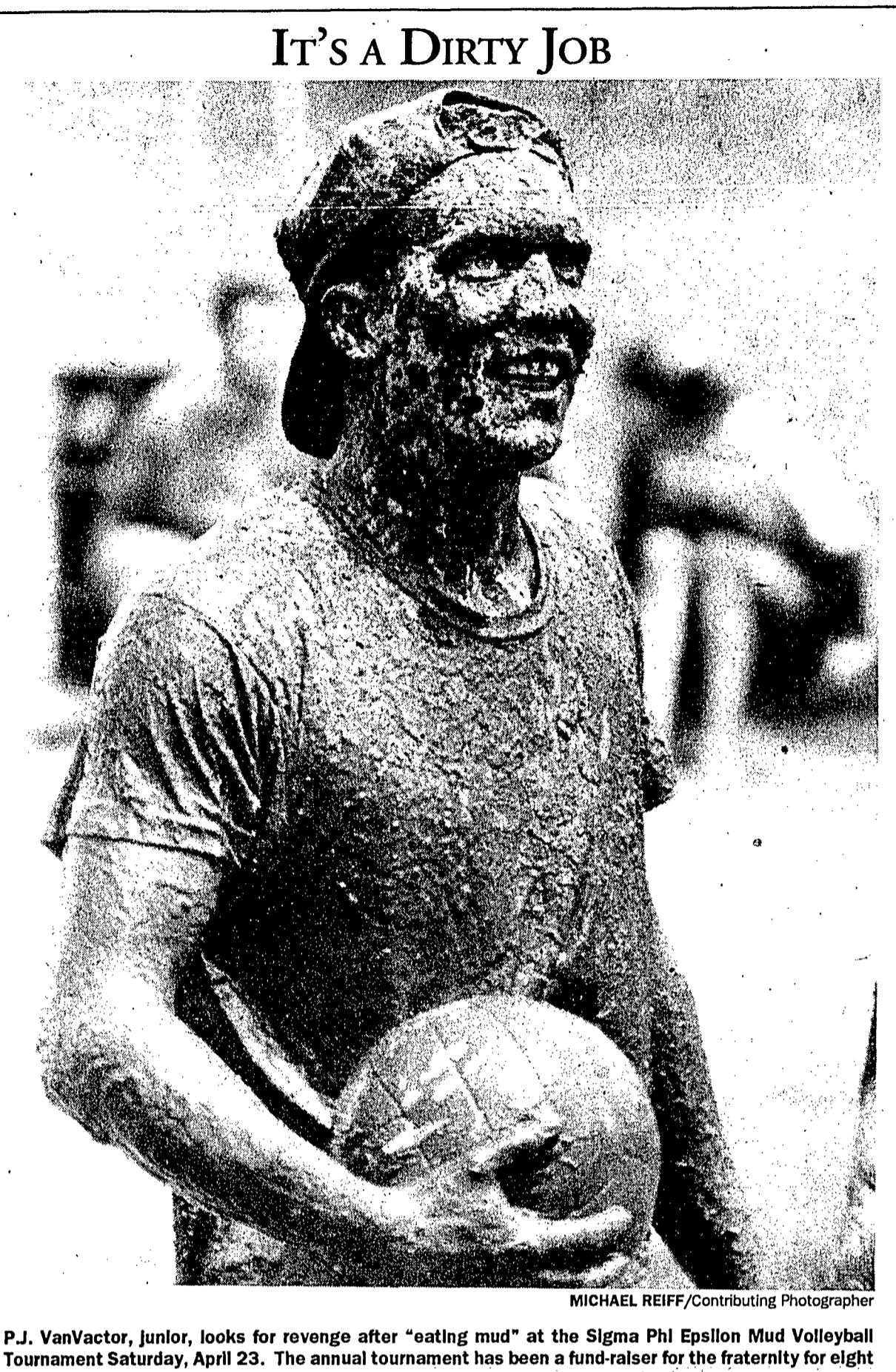
"For one, I'm prejudice because I am from here and for another we have several teachers in our district from Northwest, and they proved to be very excellent," Brown said. "I see the success of teachers in my district from Northwest, and so I have evidence to back up my criteria."

Although many school districts attended Teacher Placement Day, senior Lynn Krambeck said the atmosphere was pleasant and the representatives were helpful.

"I never realized how many schools were coming until today," Krambeck said. "It was kind of intimidating but once you start talking to representatives they are really helpful and willing to help you out."

"We have an open-door policy to any teacher candidate and to any school district that would like for it to be there."

Kristin Thompson
event organizer



MICHAEL REIFF/Contributing Photographer

P.J. VanVactor, Junior, looks for revenge after "eating mud" at the Sigma Phi Epsilon Mud Volleyball Tournament Saturday, April 23. The annual tournament has been a fund-raiser for the fraternity for eight years, but this year it was held for entertainment only due to a lack of entries.

Step show scheduled

By DAWN EMMONS
Missourian Staff

You may have seen Alpha Phi Alpha perform their step show during Greek Week activities or elsewhere on campus, but for the first time, they will be presenting a 90-minute step show performance at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 1, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. A step show is a dance routine commonly performed by African-American Greeks using a sequence format, according to Jonathan Phillips, the chapter's president.

"The step show is something we have been wanting to do for a while," Phillips said. "Others have also urged us to do this."

Alpha Phi Alpha, the African-American fraternity, has invited three other Alpha Phi Alpha chapters and a sorority to perform with them.

The fraternities will be coming from Missouri Valley, Missouri Western and the University of Missouri-Kansas City. The sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha, is from Missouri Western.

"This is just another facet of what our organization is about," Phillips said. "It will provide entertainment for the campus."

The fraternity has been preparing for about six weeks, according to Jarrod Harold, Alpha Phi Alpha president-elect, and they hope it will be enjoyed by everyone.

"We wanted to do this show because it will give African-Americans on this campus something to do," Harold said. "Nothing on this campus is really geared toward the African-Americans."

An open party might be held at Country Kitchen after the performance, according to Harold, and it will stress the event's theme, "Let's all just get along."

"We can come together collectively," Phillips said. "We would like to promote unity among races and unity among Greeks."

Tickets cost \$5 and can be purchased from any Alpha Phi Alphamember.

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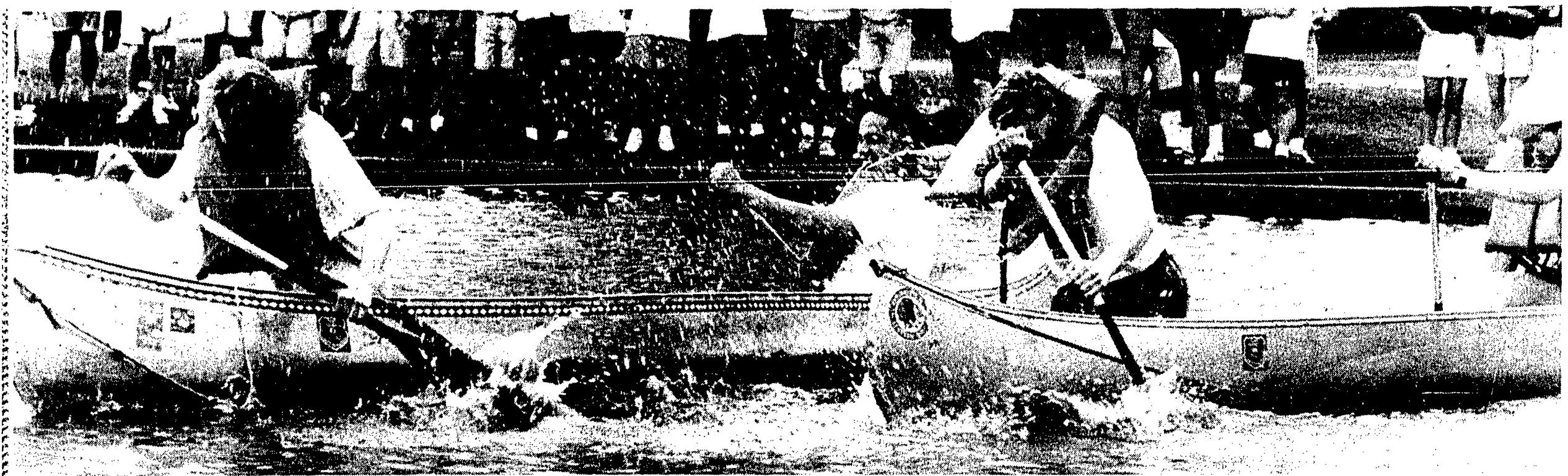
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Alpha Kappa Lambda's Jeff Nolke and Jake Grombeck pull ahead of Tau Kappa Epsilon's Michael Reiff and Jeff Wilson in the canoe race held Monday, April 26. The AKLs beat the TKEs in the race but not without problems.

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This was just the beginning of the week long events the Greek fraternities and sororities were involved with. Such events included tri-cycle races, chariot races, tug-of-war and five-legged races.

'Life's Short, Be Greek!'

Week of unity joins Greeks with games, good times

Arriving with chariots made of anything they could get their hands on, Greeks raced down the pavement on the opening day of their annual festivities. Besides the chariots of scrap metal and bike tires, Greeks took to the water and paddled canoes across Colden Pond on the sunny afternoon of Monday, April 26.

"Life's Short, Be Greek!" kicked off Monday and lasted through Thursday. According to one Sigma Phi Epsilon member, the week and the theme was about getting involved with the Greek system.

"You only get to go through college once," P.J. Amys, sophomore, said. "I really believe the best way to go through college is through the Greek system."

Clapping and chanting songs at the top of their voices provided a harmonious and often off-key backdrop for the Monday kickoff on the grounds surrounding the Bell Tower. Each fraternity and sorority displayed their spirit with song and enthusiasm.

The organizations also raced pieced-together chariots down University Drive. The winners of the race broke across the finish line to more

supporting songs and shouts of praise.

One participant in the day's events said the songs were the best part.

"I liked the Greek Sing the best, because it was the first day, and everyone was fired up and ready to sing their song," Shawn Vehe, Alpha Sigma Alpha member, said.

An ongoing event for the week was a secret-agent-type

assassination game. Two members from each organization participated in the game. They were assigned to "kill" someone with a far-from-deadly squirt gun. The game continued throughout the week until a single victor remained.

"It's kind of like a big James Bond 007 game," Trevor Schmidt, Zeus of the week and Delta Chi member, said.

Possibly the highlight of the week was a nonviolent event with a cause. Greeks took turns rocking in a giant blue rocking chair in the front of the Nodaway County Courthouse. Students and residents pledged money to the Greeks for the amount of time they spent rocking along the side of Main Street.

All the money raised from the event will be donated to Camp Quality, a support organization for children with cancer. All the organizations put in their share of rocking.

"Each organization was assigned certain hours that they had to rock and then people could sign up for a time," Schmidt said. "It's been booked for quite awhile because everyone wants to participate."

Other philanthropy projects for the week included a clothing drive and a tree planting ceremony. Articles of clothing were collected for the needy, and a tree was planted on campus with another planted at the Nodaway County Courthouse.

Helping the community did not take all of their time, however. The week was also designed to promote education and brother and sisterhood. A speaker from Iowa State University in Ames spoke to the organizations Monday night in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Tuesday they took over the Tundra in a humorous competition. Students participated in tug-of-wars, bat races, blindfolded wheelbarrow races and five-legged races.

"I like to watch the bat race," Amys said. "It's fun to watch everyone falling all over the place."

Wednesday a canned food sculpture contest and more non-competitive games were planned. Participants in the canned food sculpture contest were given 50 minutes to construct a sculpture with hundreds of cans of food.

Participation in the events was as expected, according to Kaiser. He pointed out that there were a few problems with intramural sports schedules and people trying to coordinate classes as well as finishing the last part of this semester.

Kristy Truelove, Sigma Sigma Sigma member, attributes the large number of participants to the "fun" atmosphere.

"It's really fun, because everyone from the fraternities and sororities get along better," Truelove said. "Everyone is really excited to be there. It brings the fraternities and sororities closer together."

By Lisa Klindt



SCOTT JENSON/Northwest Missourian
Alpha Sigma Alpha Kristen Scott attempts to blow a bubble through the whip cream in the tricycle race.



SCOTT JENSON/Northwest Missourian
Members of Alpha Kappa Lambda get off to a quick start in the chariot race which started Greek Week. The race started by the J.W. Jones Student Union, continued behind the Administration Building and finished in front of Roberta Hall.

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MIAA Outdoor Championships

Heptathlon Meaghan Wilson, 1st
1,500 m Mark Roberts, 1st
800 m Chris Blondin, 2nd
Long jump Mitch Dosland, 3rd
Long jump Amy Helms, 3rd
High jump Mitch Dosland, 3rd
Hammer throw Bill Hallcock, 4th
400 m Craig Grove, 4th
4x400 relay Northwest, 4th
100 m hurdles Tanya Drake, 4th
400 m hurdles Anne Northup, 4th

Upcoming Invitations

May 8
at Nebraska Twilight Meet, Lincoln, Neb.
May 14
at Nebraska Wesleyan Last Chance Meet, Lincoln, Neb.
May 27-29
NCAA Division II Outdoor Championship, Abilene, Texas

TENNIS

Women's Results at MIAA Championships

Northwest 1st, 83 points
Northeast 2nd, 40 points
Washburn 3rd, 39 points
Lincoln 4th, 38 points
Mo. Southern 5th, 7 points
Emporia 6th, failed to score
Univ. Mo.-St. Louis
..... 6th, failed to score
Mo. Western 6th, failed to score
SW Baptist 6th, failed to score

Men's Results at MIAA Championships

SW Baptist 1st, 87 points
Washburn 2nd, 37 points
Emporia 3rd, 32 points
Northeast 4th, 32 points
Northwest 5th, 23 points
Univ. Mo.-St. Louis 6th, 4 points
Univ. Mo.-Rolla
..... 7th, failed to score

FOOTBALL

1993 Fall Schedule

Sept. 4
at Mankato State
Sept. 11
vs. East Texas State University
Sept. 18
at Missouri Western
Sept. 25
vs. Northeast
Oct. 2
at Emporia State
Oct. 9
vs. Washburn University
Oct. 16
at Univ. Mo.-Rolla
Oct. 23
vs. Southwest Baptist
Oct. 30
at Pittsburg State
Nov. 6
at Central Missouri
Nov. 13
vs. Missouri Southern

VOLLEYBALL

1993 Fall Schedule

Sept. 7
at Benedictine
at St. Mary's College
Sept. 8
at Emporia State
Sept. 10-11
at Briar Cliff Tournament
Sept. 17-18
MIAA Round Robin I
Sept. 22
at Missouri Western
Sept. 24
vs. Missouri Southern
Sept. 25
vs. Pittsburg State
Sept. 29
vs. Washburn University
Oct. 1-2
Missouri Western Tournament
Oct. 6
at Northeast
Oct. 12
vs. St. Mary's College
Oct. 15-16
MIAA Round Robin
Oct. 20
vs. Peru State
Oct. 22
at Southwest Baptist
Oct. 23
at Central Missouri
Oct. 27
vs. Missouri Western
Oct. 29-30
Drury College Tournament
Nov. 2
at Graceland
Nov. 6
vs. Univ. Mo.-St. Louis
Nov. 12-13
MIAA Tournament



JON BRITTON/Contributing Photographer

Senior Julie Callahan recently placed first in the MIAA singles championships held in St. Joseph Thursday, April 22, through Saturday, April 24. Due to her first-place win, Callahan

seeded third in the NCAA Division II National Tournament, which is scheduled for May 10-12 in Davis, Calif. She will be competing against 32 other No. 1 singles players.

Tennis player cruises to success

Women take first place

By BRAD JENKINS

Missourian Staff

ships, head coach Mark Rosewell was named coach of the year. Junior Julie Caputo was also recognized as the winner of the conference sportsmanship award.

Rosewell said he was proud of the manner in which the team won the championship, and this was his most satisfying year of coaching women's tennis at Northwest.

The championships were held Thursday, April 22, through Saturday, April 24, in St. Joseph.

Between the two of them, they had won two of the last three MIAA No. 1 singles titles, as Callahan took the title in 1990 and then lost to Subbert in a classic 'duel' for the 1992 title.

Also boosting fans' expectations for this match was their combined 33-3 record and how they had each been on a crash course throughout the season that virtually guaranteed another MIAA showdown.

There would be no repeat of the outcome of last year's final, however, as Callahan, who erased some of the sting of the loss by beating Subbert earlier in the season, got total revenge by manhandling her 6-2, 6-2 to claim the 1993 title.

Callahan was one of five 'Kittens to win individual titles as they ran away with the MIAA championship for a second consecutive year.

The 'Kittens also swept the doubles titles in scoring a tournament record 83 points.

For their achievements throughout the season and in the champion-

"I do not think anyone has ever won it by that amount before as far as totally dominating the tournament goes," Rosewell said. "We won eight out of nine championships, and nobody had ever done that before in the 12-year history. This has meant the most not just because of the success, but because I have had seven really nice women to work with."

The Bearcats were not quite as fortunate as their female counterparts as they were only able to muster a fifth-place finish with 23 points.

Their best performances were turned in by senior Todd Shane and sophomore Jeremy Gump, who finished second in No. 4 singles and No. 5 singles action, respectively.

Senior Mark Ardizzone picked up a fourth-place finish in No. 2 singles competition and one in No. 1 doubles play with his partner, Shane.

Ardizzone made it a clean sweep for the tennis program when he picked up the sportsmanship award. Also garnering a fourth-place finish in No. 3 doubles play were Gump and junior Bill Bobo.

Following blistering performances during regular season play, Callahan prepares for NCAA Division II tourney

By GALEN HANRAHAN

Missourian Staff

Desire, determination and competition are words that can be used to describe Northwest senior tennis player Julie Callahan.

Callahan is capping off her five-year Northwest tennis career, which has seen her achieve success on and off the court.

The 23-year-old Fremont, Neb., native began tennis interest at the age of 4. Her brother, Wade, played an important role in the start of her tennis interest.

"He got me my first racket, and we would hit together in the driveway," Callahan said.

She went on to play in high school, junior and state tournaments in Nebraska before starting her career at Northwest in 1988.

Several important factors contributed to Callahan's decision to be a part of the Northwest tennis program, especially the aspect of the people.

"The program kind of sold itself," Callahan said. "I knew Northwest had a good program, and the people went out of their way to make you feel comfortable."

Since her decision, both the tennis program and Callahan have enjoyed a successful relationship.

She became the career leader in women's singles victories this year with her 73rd career win. Callahan also was the first MIAA women's tennis player to participate in the 1990 and 1992 NCAA Division II national tournaments.

Callahan believes her tennis skills have progressed well on the collegiate level.

"It's come a long way," Callahan said. "All the experience itself can change your game."

She believes her sophomore year was the true turning point in her career.

"I realized that I could compete on this level, and that inspired me to keep going," Callahan said.

Callahan led the women's team to their second consecutive MIAA Conference Championship this year. According

to Callahan, this was her best moment as a member of the team.

"We all played wonderfully," Callahan said. "I was really content knowing that my last effort was good."

Callahan has also achieved success off the court. She was named academic all-conference for both the 1992 and 1993 seasons.

She keeps up with her academics and she prepares thoroughly for her competitions.

"You have to be mentally prepared and stay focused on what you are doing," Callahan said.

Her teammates said Callahan has been a true leader on the court during her career.

"She sets the example and leads by example," junior Julie Caputo said. "It will be hard to fill her shoes at the No. 1 slot."

Head coach Mark Rosewell is also one of Callahan's biggest supporters.

"She is a coach's dream," Rosewell said. "Probably the best athlete I have coached in my 12 years of coaching."

Callahan, the No. 3 seeded player in the Midwest region, will see the last of her tennis in the NCAA Division II National Tournament May 10-12 in Davis, Calif.

Only 32 of the best women's players on the Division II level will be participating in the tournament.

Rosewell is confident Callahan will have a good showing in the tournament.

"It all depends on the draw you get," Rosewell said. "She certainly has the experience to do very well."

Callahan hopes to continue to play tennis on a recreational basis and participate in some tournaments after her college career ends.

"I will always play tennis for fun," Callahan said.

As far as a career goes, Callahan hopes to work in the business world. She believes the competitive nature will be something she could thrive in.

"It is competitive just like being on the court," Callahan said.

She believes that her good communication skills will also aid her in the business world.

Callahan will graduate in May with a double major in psychology and business management. She hopes to work in personnel management in a large company.

Track teams struggle at MIAA conference

By KENRICK SEALY

Contributing Writer

Last weekend was the day of reckoning for the track teams as they ventured into the territory of Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Mo., to contest for a share of the MIAA Championships, which were held April 22-24.

Both teams came up short in their attempts as the men settled for a less-than-enchanting fourth-place effort with a total of 66 points and the women placed sixth with 33 points.

The men's title went to Pittsburg State with a total of 185 points.

Junior Mark Roberts accounted for the Bearcats' only victory, while additional promising efforts came from freshman Mitch Dosland, sophomore Chris Blondin and junior Brian Wardlow.

Roberts, competing in the 1,500 meters, ran a season best of 14.90 to take fourth and qualified provisionally for NCAA II nationals set for May 27-29 in Abilene, Texas.

"I think my chances for nationals are fairly good right now, because I am ranked 10th in the nation, and I feel really happy to be able to run 14.90," Drake said.

Kitten head coach Charlene Cline commented on her team's effort.

"I would have liked to place higher than sixth team wise, but track is an individual sport and you get by the real obvious," Cline said.

Week's events promote health

By CAROL DYMOND

Missourian Staff

One more flight of stairs. Leg muscles burning. Six more steps. Lungs pumping hard. Three more steps. Is there an oxygen tank at the top?

Most people think they are in good shape until they attend class on the third floor of Colden Hall or have 10 minutes of traveling time between Garrett-Strong and the Fine Arts Building.

Next week is the perfect time to find out just how healthy you really are. Students from Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance are sponsoring Health Awareness Week May 3-8.

Senior Tina Gaa, a member of HPERD, hopes to see positive results from the first-time endeavor.

"The main reason we are doing this is to make the campus and community more aware of the growing importance of health and wellness today," Gaa said. "I encourage everyone to come and participate and then set some goals for a summer fitness program so that they can be on the road to a healthy lifestyle."

One of the booths at Tuesday's health fair will feature a physical assessment program.

This should be of special interest to stair climbers and elevator users alike.

"It will entail readings of blood pressure, body composition, cardiovascular endurance, muscular endurance, muscular strength and flexibility," Gaa said. "This is all free of charge."

Anyone wishing to use this free service can sign up in the morning between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Northwest Room on the third floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union.

HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Monday, May 3

HPERD Teacher Appreciation Day

Tuesday, May 4

Health Fair at Student Union, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5

TKE Miss Fitness and Body Building Contest

Thursday, May 6

National Employee Health and Fitness Day

Intramural Track and Field Meet at Rickenbode

Field at 4 p.m.

Speaker Pat McSwegan from Health People 2000

at J.W. Jones Student Union

Friday, May 7

Fitness Fun Night for Horace Mann students at

Martindale Gym at 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 8

Healthy Challenge 5 K Run/Walk at armory parking

lot at 10 a.m.

Participants will then do their physical assessment in the afternoon from 2-5 p.m.

The other booths will be located on the first floor of the Student Union in the hallway where the World of Cuisine is located.

Another booth, sponsored by Jenell Ciak's community nutrition class, will provide information for correct food choices.

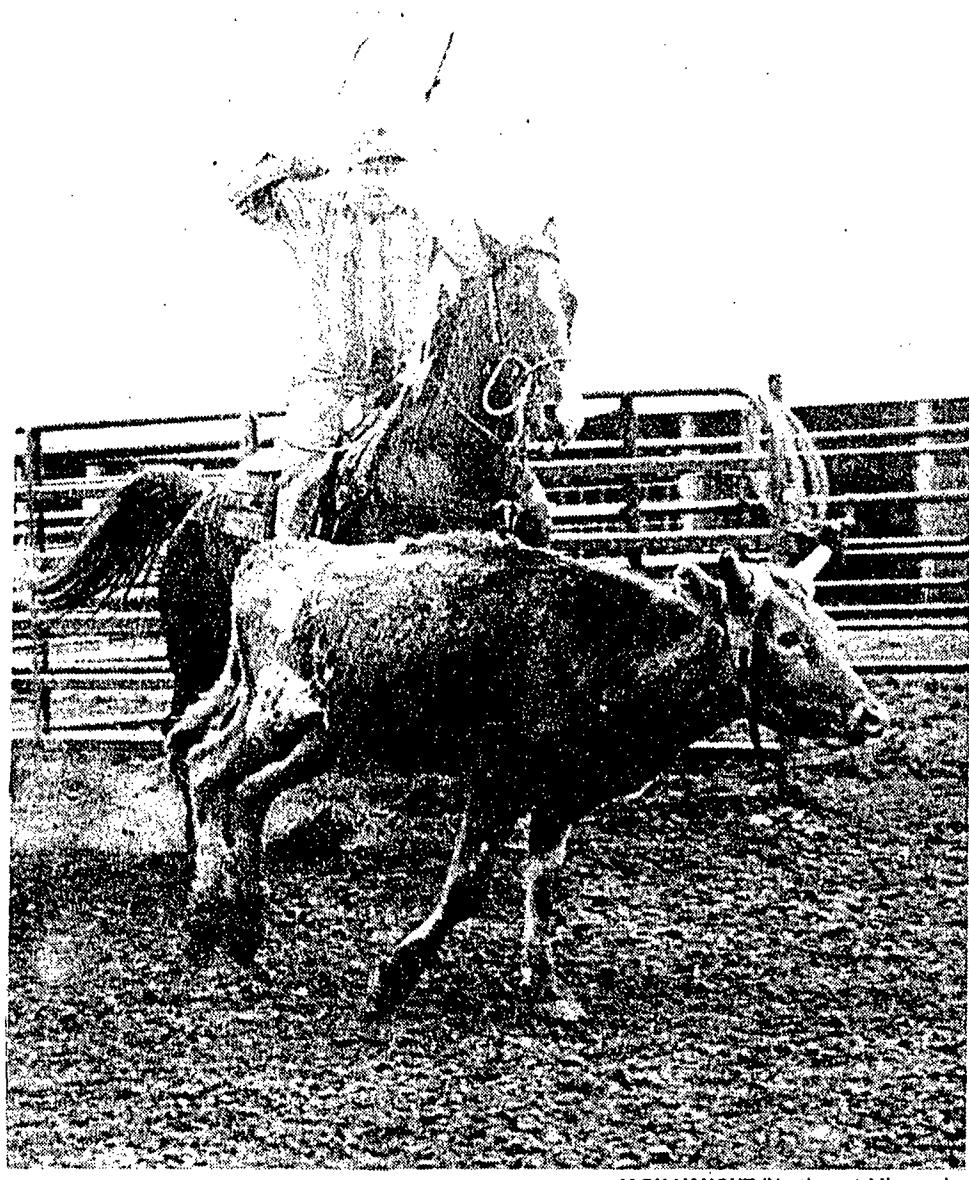
"There will be a computer program that analyzes each person's diet as to their caloric and nutrition intake," Ciak said.

Chuck Miller, another organizer of Health Awareness Week, recited dietary guidelines that each person should follow.

"Your daily food intake should consist of 20 percent protein, 30 percent fat and 50 percent carbohydrates," Miller said. "It should be remembered that this means unsaturated fat."

So next time you climb a flight of stairs, remember Health Awareness Week.

GET A ROPE



JACK VAUGHT/Northwest Missourian
Despite the rainy weather, rodeo coach Dave Sherry practices team roping with the Northwest Rodeo Team members Tuesday, April 27. They practice twice weekly and spend most of their weekends on the road competing in rodeo events.

SPORTS

Teams land top recruits

Transfer students top list for '93 basketball recruitment endeavor

By SCOTT ENGLERT
Missourian Staff

Both the Northwest men's and women's basketball teams signed athletes to national letters of intent, and all of the players signed could have an immediate impact on their respective teams' play.

On the men's side, headcoach Steve Tappmeyer believes he has a pair of transfers that could step in and have an immediate impact on the team.

Ricky Jolley, a 6-9 center from Gary, Ind., attended Pennsylvania State University. He averaged 1.2 points and 1.3 rebounds in 19 games for the Nittany Lions in the 1990-91 season.

"He will give us a look that we have not seen," Tappmeyer said. "We are very optimistic about him."

Another transfer player who will come to Northwest next fall is 6-2 pointguard Charles Jones. He attended Penn Valley Community College the last two years and was an All-American last season.

"He is a proven winner," Tappmeyer said. "He has won 60 ballgames in the past two years and he is a total team player."

On the women's side, head coach Wayne Winstead has signed four Iowa high school seniors to attend North-

west next fall. Height will certainly not be a problem for the 'Cats next season as all four are above 6 foot. All should be able to contribute to the 'Cats arsenal.

Justean Bohnsack is a 6-2 center who averaged 35 points per game in highschool. She was regarded by many as a definite Division I prospect by most scouting services.

"She is a very strong kid and very quick," assistant coach Christy Prather said. "We really got a steal. Iowa State was disappointed that they did not sign her."

Sandy Ickes scored 27 points per game for Harlan Community High School, and she was also named All-Southwest Iowa and honorable mention All-State.

"She loves physical contact," Prather said. "She likes it when it gets rough."

A pair of honorable mention All-State picks will also grace Lamkin Gym next fall in Leigh Rasmussen and Jenny Keyton. Both of these players signed their letters of intent earlier this week.

Rasmussen averaged 28 points per game and had the third best shooting percentage in Iowa. She scored a total of 2,010 points during her career at Newell (Iowa) High School.

Keyton averaged 23 points per game for Perry (Iowa) High School, and she is regarded as a player who can post up on the inside or drain a 10-foot jumper.

Ex-Wolfpack coach dies of cancer

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Jim Valvano, the wise-cracking New Yorker who coached North Carolina State to a magical national basketball championship before scandal forced him out, died Wednesday, April 28, of cancer. He was 47.

Valvano died peacefully around 10:30 a.m. with his family by his side at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, according to his attorney Woody Webb.

"Valvano waged a valiant fight against cancer over the past year," Webb said. "Jimmy V never gave up."

Valvano pulled off one of the great upsets in college basketball history in 1983 when the Wolfpack, a team with 10 regular-season losses, beat heavily favored Houston in the NCAA tournament final on Lorenzo Charles' buzzer-beating dunk. Seven years later, he was forced out after an NCAA investigation found his players had sold their shoes and complimentary tickets.

Illness keeps DiMaggio from Sicily

ROME (AP) — Baseball Hall of Famer Joe DiMaggio canceled a visit to his parents' hometown in Sicily after suffering chest trouble, his spokesman said April 26.

The 78-year-old DiMaggio has "some kind of a bug that hit him upon his arrival" in Italy last Thursday, April 22, said John Salamone, who is accompanying the former New York Yankee outfielder. "DiMaggio had chest congestion but it is nothing serious. He is doing fine."

He said he did not know what caused the congestion.

Kenneth Ciongoli, a neurologist traveling with DiMaggio's group, told The Associated Press that DiMaggio had coughed up phlegm and blood.

DiMaggio planned to return to the United States on Wednesday, April 28, as scheduled, Salamone said.

On Saturday, April 24, DiMaggio threw out the first ball at an Italian league game in Rome.

6 more Big Eight athletes swept up Monday in the final rounds of draft

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Six more Big Eight athletes were swept up Monday, April 26 in the final four rounds of the NFL draft, bringing the conference's total to 16.

Nebraska defensive back Tyrone Hughes was taken by New Orleans in the fifth round, the 137th player altogether.

Defensive back Damell Walker became the first Oklahoman taken when Atlanta made him the 178th draftee. Two picks later, Cleveland took Nebraska linebacker Travis Hill, immediately followed by the Los Angeles Raiders selecting Colorado linebacker Greg Biekert.

Lance Lewis, Nebraska running back, was Indianapolis' choice in the seventh round. Later in the seventh, the Philadelphia Eagles, who last year lost former Oklahoma tight end Keith Jackson to free agency, took a flyer on another Sooner tight end — Joey Mickey.

Royals, Cardinals weekly standings

The Kansas City Royals are now 7-12 in the American League West standings and are six and a half games behind the California Angels.

Meanwhile, the St. Louis Cardinals are 11-9 in the National League East standings. They are three and a half games behind the Philadelphia Phillies.

PLAYER WATCH
MEAGHAN WILSON

Meaghan Wilson, junior, placed first in the heptathlon at the MIAA Outdoor Championship in Warrensburg, Mo.

Wilson gathered 4,440 points. She also placed sixth in the long jump, going 17 feet, 8 1/4 inches.

Earlier in the season, Wilson also took first in the Herschel Neil Heptathlon/Decathlon.

"I wanted to win both, heptathlon and conference," Wilson said.

Although Wilson placed first, there were areas she would have liked to improve on.

"I can definitely improve on my shot put, half-mile and long jump, but I was pleased with the javelin and high jump," she said.

Gym gets face lift; recreation center on tap

By KRISTI UNDERWOOD
Missourian Staff

If you have been in Lamkin Gym recently you may have noticed writing on the walls in black marker and wondered what was up. It is part of the \$5.5 million Lamkin Gym renovation and Student Recreation Center project already in progress.

Construction of the SRC, which officially started Monday, Feb. 15, is scheduled to be complete in August 1994.

The SRC will house a suspended running track; three basketball, volleyball and tennis courts and six racquetball courts, one of which will be glass.

The SRC will also include facilities for badminton, pickle ball, table tennis and air hockey.

A mandatory \$25 fee per semester will be added to all full-time students' bills starting in the fall of 1994. The fee, which is independent of tuition, will help cover the costs of the center by retiring bonds. All full-time students with an ID card will be eligible to use the center.

"The good thing about it is President (Dean) Hubbard did

it the right way because no student will be charged until the Student Recreation Center is completed," Coordinator for Campus Recreation Bob Lade said. "Most schools that build it this way charge students all along while it is being built, and a lot of students don't even get to use it."

Eventually Lade hopes the facility will also include a "lounge-type area with a big screen TV where students can just hang out."

In addition to the construction of the SRC, Lamkin Gym will be completely renovated.

Renovations are scheduled to begin the day after graduation and be completed Nov. 15, 1994.

During construction, everything in the building will be relocated including offices, locker rooms and fall sports.

The volleyball team will use the SRC facility for next season only, while Lamkin is in the final stages of renovation. Football and cross country locker rooms will be forced to relocate temporarily as well.

"It's going to be a definite inconvenience for 12 or 15 months, but when it is done it is going to be very, very nice," Lade said.

OFF THE BENCH

Best of Northwest's athletics deserve recognition



Steven Woolfolk
Sports Columnist

Athletes warrant merit

I t's been a hell of a ride.

Ups and downs have made for an interesting year in Northwest athletics, but some players and events seem to stick out in the minds of students more than others.

Men's Player of the Year — Joseph Johnson: Johnson was the hands-down winner in this category. While many hoped the Bearcat quarterback would become a more consistent passer, he proved himself to be the most exciting athlete to watch time and time again. Johnson rushed for over 1,200 yards — the most for a Northwest quarterback.

Women's Player of the Year — Jamie Long: It was a good year for Bearkitten basketball, but it was a great year for senior forward Jamie Long. Long led the 'Kittens in scoring and rebounding averaging 17.4 points and 8.7 rebounds on her way to an MIAA all-conference season. Long emerged as a leader midway through the season, and led the Bearkittens to another play-off appearance.

Men's Play of the Year — Paul Brown: With the game tied and time running out in a contest with the University of Missouri-Rolla, junior guard Paul Brown scored on a desperation

heave from half court to win the game at the buzzer. The shot, and the win that accompanied it, played a major role in getting the Bearcats into the playoffs.

Honorable mention goes to senior cornerback Kenny Stokes. In the closing moments of a home football game against Central Missouri State University, Stokes intercepted a Central pass near the end zone, giving Northwest another chance to win.

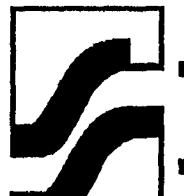
Women's Play of the Year — Sarah Hemminger: With approximately two seconds remaining in a game against the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Hemminger stepped up to the line and

hit two free throws to win the game.

Men's Performance of the Year — Joseph Johnson: Again, Johnson accounted for 455 yards of total offense against Emporia State. Johnson rushed for 286 yards while passing for 169 in the 54-41 Northwest victory. The total was the highest in Northwest history and the second highest in MIAA history.

Women's Performance of the Year — Julie Callahan: Callahan set the Northwest tennis record for career singles victories with 73. Callahan reached the mark this season, in her fifth year as a Northwest tennis player. She

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By LISA RENZE

Have hope, for these are only figments of overactive parental imaginations. Good rental properties do exist in Maryville; all one needs to know is who to ask and where to look.

Chevelle Walker said. "But then there are those who just want to rent and don't care about their tenants. You have to protect yourself."

For the most part students said the best place to get the most for the leasing dollar were in apartment rentals.

"Initially I lived in a house, but that turned out to be a bad experience," junior Sally Sanborn said. "There were too many people and too many things could go wrong to create tension for us."

Others said the best thing about apartment complexes is the absence of worry about everyday activities.

"In an apartment you never have to worry about garbage collection, maintenance to broken appliances or snow removal," senior Renee Beech said. "All of that is taken care of by managers and most are good about doing stuff like that."

Walker agreed that compared to the house he currently resides in, he would much prefer the apartment-like atmosphere.

"In an apartment there are those that offer utilities paid right with the rent," Walker said. "They have trash collection, everything without the worry or hassle."

Whether it's an apartment or a house a student is interested in renting, it's important for them to remember to document everything that may or may not be the renter's responsibility or your responsibility as a renter.

"You can protect yourself from trouble just by having the proper documentation," VanDyke said. "If you have documentation and have been reasonable in your request to have a service performed, the student has the option to present evidence and witnesses at a small claims court to protect their investment."

There are things an angry renter would want to be aware of, however.

"No matter what, never withhold rent," VanDyke said. "This is breach of contract and will not be for your favor."

By staying ahead of the rental game and just making a few smart decisions, students can be happy with the living quarters they choose away from campus. How much students do to ensure their happiness, however, is dependent solely upon the amount of work done. A little leg work and questioning now can save the heartache and hassle one might unfortunately experience if leaky pipes or faulty wiring destroys all a student owns.

"There are some landlords who will come and fix everything. But then there are those who just want to rent and don't care about their tenants. You have to protect yourself."

Chevelle Walker
senior

"The best thing I can tell students looking for his or her first apartment is keep good records," Director of the Talent Development Center Patt VanDyke said. "There's a pamphlet available in our office titled 'Advice for the Wary Renter' that will answer many questions plain and simple for students."

Not only is it important for students to know what questions to ask, they should also be aware of what protection they can claim if something would happen to their property in a rental situation. Renter's insurance is one step a student can take to protect themselves from landlords.

"Well, certainly there would be no need or benefit to over-insure," insurance agent Steve Sutton said, "but what you would want to decide is what you really want and what you really need."

Lease agreements are also important for a content rental situation. Students are encouraged to sign a lease with a landlord to protect not only themselves, but the owner as well.

"Take photographs of the property before you sign anything," VanDyke said. "This will call attention to anything out of the ordinary before you take possession of the property. Make certain your landlord is aware of the problems and then sign the lease. This protects not only you, but also is a great service to the landlord as well."

Students agree that protecting an investment is very important when entering any rental agreement.

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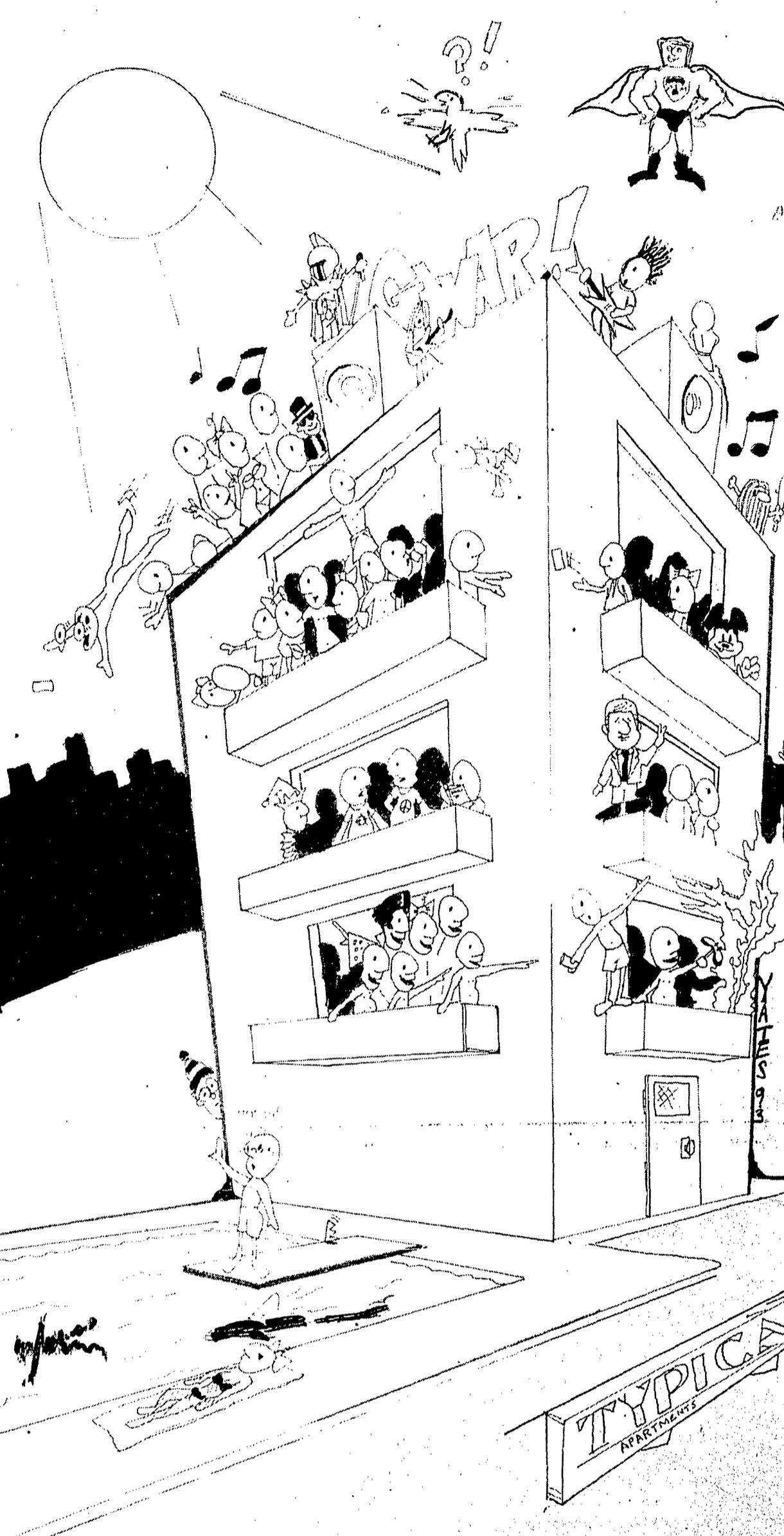
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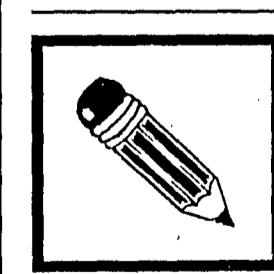
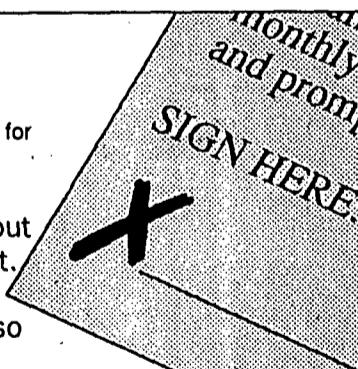
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RENTER: BEWARE

Listed below are some suggestions about renting a home or apartment from "Tips for the Wary Renter," compiled by Patt VanDyke.

- ✓ **Read carefully.** Before you sign a contract, read every detail.
- ✓ **Investigate.** Before signing anything, make an effort to find out who the best landlords are in town by talking to people you trust.
- ✓ **Find out what's wrong.** Compile a list of damages (cracked light fixtures, walls, outlets that don't work, etc.) already there so you won't be charged by damages caused by you.



THE STROLLER

Your Man contemplates kite flying during warm, lazy days

Spring weather prompts unique adventures

I really wanted to fly a kite. The wind was just right, the sun was shining bright and most of all it was Sunday. Sunday was meant for kite flying.

I put off buying my kite all afternoon. Finally about 6 p.m. I went to Wal-Mart to get a kite. Little did I know Wal-Mart closes at 6 p.m. on Sundays.

We pulled into the parking lot, which was almost desolate, and I noticed a sign with the hours posted. I looked down at my watch and noticed I still had maybe a minute to run in, pick out a kite and pay for it. I ran to the door and all entrances were locked.

I noticed a lady coming out the exit doors, and I slipped in the door. I ran through a closed check-out lane and ran around the store until I found the kites. I sat there staring at the selection when I heard a voice.

"There he is," the voice said. I looked and there were a couple of blue-vested Wal-Mart workers staring at me. "Can I help you find anything?"

"I've got what I need," I said, pulling a kite off the rack and shoving closer to them. I scurried to the front of the store with my 96-cent kite and an extra roll of string.

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seeped through my canvas shoes and the wind was dying down.

Slowly I got the kite up higher and higher. I was taken back to childhood memories. I was with a date, whom I failed to mention before this point because I kind of got peed at her.

Sure it was her car which allowed me to get to Wal-Mart and her money to buy the kite, but it was my idea to fly it.

I let her take control of the string. She started showing me up. I don't know if it was skill or luck, but she got the kite doing things I never imagined.

But then the kite started falling. She attempted to run back, but the mud got worse and she didn't care to ruin her shoes. The kite fell in a tree.

As a former professional tree climber I attempted to retrieve the kite. It was a fatal height to which I climbed, yet I still could not reach the kite.

If you come across my Super Kermit kite, please return it. I could offer a small reward, but remember it's not the money – it's the ethics of the whole thing.

The Stroller is an anonymous column which has been a tradition at Northwest since 1918.

